Michael W. Dotts (F0150) O'CONNOR BERMAN DOTTS & BANES Suite 201, 2nd Floor, Marianas Business Plaza P.O. Box 501969, 1 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950-1969 Telephone: (670) 234-5684 3 Telefax: (670) 234-5683 4 **Attorneys for Petitioner** David G. Banes 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 FOR THE 7 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS 8 9 **DAVID GEORGE BANES** Case No. 12-00011 10 Petitioner, 11 VS. **DECLARATION OF DAVID G. BANES** 12 OXANA GALKINA BANES,, 13 Respondent. 14 15 16 I, David G. Banes, declare and state as follows: 17 1. I am the petitioner in Banes v. Banes pending in the Superior Court of the Northern 18 Mariana Islands. 19 2. In my petition, attached as Exhibit A, which was served on her on June 14, 2011, See 20 Exhibit B my proof of service dated June 14, 2011, I alleged Oxana Banes ("Oxana") is a citizen 21 of Guam while I am a citizen of CNMI. I did not request any monetary relief from Oxana. 22 3. Oxana filed a motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction claiming that as she 23 was a Guam resident, the Court did not have jurisdiction over her. 24 4. There after, Oxana on October 24, 2011 filed an Answer admitting I am a citizen of 25 the CNMI and she is of Guam. See Exhibit C.